
What is the Citizen Academy?

The first Citizen Academy began on January 25, 1994, as an extension of the Police Department's community policing efforts. It was felt that education was a key factor in helping the public gain a more comprehensive understanding of what is required for police officers to effectively perform their duties.

Forty-two county residents took part in this nine week pilot project. The purpose of the academy was to increase citizen awareness of the function of the police department by educating them on topics relative to the role of the police officer in their community.

Citizens were instructed on such topics as Criminal Law, Maryland Traffic Law, and Major Crimes Investigation.

At the completion of the nine weeks the students were asked to evaluate the entire course. Overwhelmingly, the class was rated as a success.

Currently, because of suggestions from former students, the class has now been expanded to 18 weeks. In addition, a waiting list has been established to accommodate requests to participate.

What will I learn about?

- Canine Demonstration
- Collision Reconstruction Unit
- Conflict Negotiations
- Crime Lab
- Crime Prevention
- Criminal Law/Search & Seizure
- Drug Investigation/CDS Identification
- DUI/Underage Drinking
- Emergency Communications Center
- Emergency Response Team
- Firearm Safety
- Forensic Services
- Internal Affairs Division
- Major Crimes
- Maryland Traffic Law
- Scams and Fraud

OPTIONAL TOURS/CLASSES:

- CPR Class
- Detention Center
- Emergency Communications Center

Students are also encouraged to participate in the Department's Ride-Along Program.

Upon completion of the 18 weeks students are encouraged to continue their education by joining the Montgomery County Citizen Academy Alumni Association.

Who can participate?

The Citizen Academy is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who either lives or works in Montgomery County. All applicants will be subjected to a background check.

Cost

FREE! The only cost to participants is their time. Participants are required to attend at least 14 of the 18 classes to be eligible for graduation.

Where

The Citizen Academy is held at the:

Public Safety Training Academy
9710 Great Seneca Highway
Rockville, Maryland 20850

When

Classes are offered one night a week from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. for 18 consecutive weeks. Two sessions are offered per year, in the Spring and Fall.

How

If interested in applying, fill out the application on the back and return to the listed address.

PLEASE
PRINT !!

Application for the Citizen Academy

Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____
Occupation: _____ E-mail address: _____

How did you learn about the Citizen Academy? _____

Race Category: This is optional. To be used in the collection of statistics.

- ☐ Caucasian (Not Hispanic) ☐ Black (Not Hispanic) ☐ Hispanic
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut

Applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance. Please notify our office if you have any special needs which might prevent you from attending the Academy.

Please Return To:

Citizen Academy

c/o MCPD

9710 Great Seneca Highway
Rockville, Maryland 20850

(301) 840-2771

(301) 279-1323 (FAX)



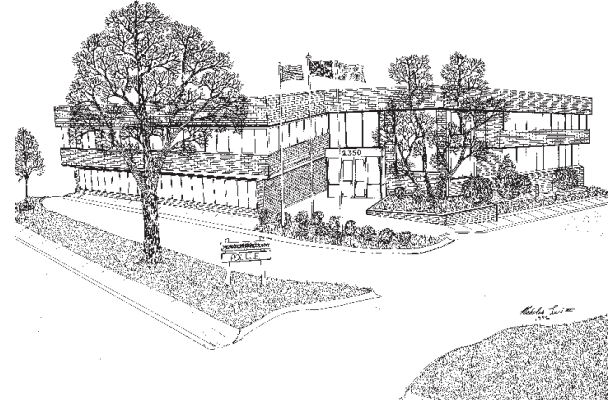
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